

Appl. No. 10/766,144
Amdt. dated May 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 14, 2006
Attorney Docket 16902

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending for examination. Claims 9-18 are withdrawn as of this amendment. No Claims are presently amended. No new matter has been added.

Election/Restrictions

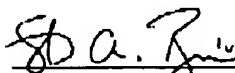
The examiner has indicated that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Figures 1-3 and Figure 4. The species are independent or distinct because they have mutually exclusive parts (i.e. the middle axle and differential in Figures 1-3, the spring damper at the junction of parts 80 and 90 in Figure 4).

Applicants hereby elect the species shown in Figures 1-3 without traverse. Please consider previously submitted Claims 1-8 as readable thereon. Claims 9-18 have been withdrawn from the present application and will be pursued in a divisional application.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Amendment. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.



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